

# **Special**

## **QUALIFICATIONS FOR TEACHING PUPILS WHO HAVE HEARING IMPAIRMENTS**

1. Before teaching pupils, ages 3 to 21 inclusive, who have hearing impairments, a person must hold an endorsement issued pursuant to this section.
2. To receive the endorsement, the person must:
  - A. Have completed a program of preparation for teaching pupils who have hearing impairments, which has been approved by the board; or
  - B. Hold a current license or certificate, issued by another state, with an endorsement to teach pupils who have hearing impairments or
  - C. Hold a certificate from the Council for Education of the Deaf; or
  - D. Hold a bachelor's or master's degree in the education of pupils who have hearing impairments and have completed 8 semester hours of student teaching, equivalent field experience, or 1 year of verifiable teaching experience in special education; or
  - E. Hold a bachelor's or master's degree, and
    1. Have completed 8 semester hours of student teaching of pupils who have hearing impairments, equivalent field experience with such pupils, or 1 year of verifiable teaching experience with such pupils; and
    2. Have completed 18 semester hours of course work in any of the following areas:
      - a. Characteristics of pupils who have hearing impairments;
      - b. Methods of communication for pupils who have hearing impairments;
      - c. Anatomy and physiology of the ear and the mechanisms of speech;
      - d. Audiology;
      - e. Hearing aids and auditory training;

- f. Development of the curriculum and methods of teaching pupils who have hearing impairments;
- g. Parental involvement in programs for pupils who have disabilities;
- h. Linguistics, speech, and language for pupils who have hearing impairments;
- i. Introduction to special education or education of pupils who have disabilities; and
- j. Education or planning for the transition of pupils who have disabilities from their current placement to placement in additional educational programs, employment and living independently as an adult.

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